

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

**IN RE: Rule 1.2 of the Local Rules of Criminal Procedure,
*Applicability and Effect of Local Rules***

O R D E R

AND NOW, this 26th day of February 2007, it appearing to the court that Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 5(e) authorizes the Court to establish practices and procedures for the filing, signing, serving and verification of documents by electronic means,

AND, it appearing that this Court is vested with authority, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §2071(b) and §2077 and Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 83, to promulgate Local Civil Rules not inconsistent with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and applicable statutes, the judges of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, on January 8, 2007, approved for publication and solicitation of comment, amendments to Rule 5.1.2 of the Local Rules of Civil Procedure, *Electronic Case Filing*, codifying and incorporating the *ECF Procedural Order* and the *Procedural Order Governing the Format of Documents in Electronic Format*, and incorporating Rule 5.1.4 of the Local Rules of Civil Procedure, *Format of Documents in Electronic Form*, as new Section 3 of amended Local Rule 5.1.2,

AND, it further appearing that the judges of the court, also on January 8, 2007, approved for publication and solicitation of comment a proposal to amend Rule 1.2 of the Local Rules of Criminal Procedure for the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, *Applicability and Effect of Local Rules*, to include amended Local Rule 5.1.2, *Electronic Case Filing*, as fully applicable to all criminal proceedings,

AND, it further appearing that no comments in opposition to the proposed amendments were received in response to the publication of notice and solicitation of comment, it is hereby

ORDERED, this 26th day of February, 2007, that in accordance with the Resolution approved by the judges of this Court on February 26, 2007, and until further Order of the court, Rule 1.2 of the Local Rules of Criminal Procedure, *Applicability and Effect of Local Rules*, is amended, concurrent with the approval of amended Rule 5.1.2 of the Local Rules of Civil Procedure, *Electronic Case Filing*, as fully applicable to all criminal proceedings, effective Monday, April 2, 2007.

ORDERED that the clerk of court transmit a copy of Rule 1.2 of the Local Rules of Criminal Procedure, as amended, to the Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts and the Judicial Council of the Third Circuit Court of Appeals and make said Rule available to the bar and public.

FOR THE COURT:

HARVEY BARTLE III,
Chief Judge